

Covid Narrative Update March 22, 2021

Town Administrator Jim Boudreau said the state Covid protocols are now in Phase 2, Step 3 meaning that people 60 and over and others in certain job categories are eligible for the vaccine. For a complete list, visit mass.gov/covid.

Check mass.gov/covid for details on how to register for a vaccination at one of the mass vaccinations sites. CVS and the Marshfield Fairgrounds post when they have doses available, so check the mass.gov/covid site often for updates.

Anyone having a hard time getting an appointment, can call the state help line at 2-1-1 or the Scituate Senior Center at 781-545-8722.

The town has received a limited supply of doses that will be administered by appointment on Thursday at the Harbor Community Center. The link went live today (Tuesday) at noon and the appointments were made on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The state has changed the out-of-state travel order to an advisory. Check mass.gov/covid for details.

Boudreau said the town had 22 new Covid cases over the past week; that is down from 33 the previous week. The town's positivity rate is 2.55 percent over the last 14 days. Scituate is still in the "yellow" on the state positivity map.

The state has started Phase 4 of the reopening plan that allows a limited number of fans in the stands at Fenway Park and other sites. For updated limits on indoor and outdoor gatherings, visit: mass.gov/covid. Dance floors, with the exception of certain dances, can also reopen at weddings.

Widows Walk is now closed to walkers and dog walkers in preparation for the golfing season in April. Bids for the clubhouse came in higher than expected. Town Meeting may be asked for additional funds that would include refurbishing the parking lot.

The DPW was able to win a \$400,000 complete-the-streets grant that will be used to complete the Country Way sidewalk. Folks will be able to walk in a loop along a sidewalk from North Scituate all the way to the harbor.

The Cole Parkway mooring project and the Cedar Point sewer project are moving along. Please avoid Cedar Point due to the construction work.

The staff and Veterans Services Officer have moved into the new Senior Center, which is slated to open April 1 to the public.

Water flushing is happening in the West End. If you experience brown water, run an outdoor spigot until the water runs clear.

The Select Board and Advisory Committee meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday (March 29) to go over the budget. The Zoom link will be on scituatema.gov.

Supt. of Schools William Burkhead said the schools had 7 new cases over the past two weeks down 1 case during the prior period. He went over the agenda for tonight's (Monday) school committee meeting, visit: scituate.k12.ma.gov for details.

The school department is looking to fill the positions of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, the Director of Athletics and Director of Equity and Inclusion.

The SHS baseball season opening day is Monday (March 29). Also, the schools will be welcoming back grades K-5 full time on Monday.

Select Board Member Karen Canfield said the board meets Tuesday (March 23) via Zoom. Check scituate.ma.gov for the full agenda and Zoom link. The agenda includes the results of the town survey on what residents think should be done with the Harbor Community Center building (former Pier 44).